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THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" It is not possible to fence the sea."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know if the Government are aware that there are different kinds of sharks? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Yes, Sir, Government are aware that there are two-legged sharks walking on land."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" Is it not a fact that these shark-bites took place at places where bathing is permitted? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I cannot prevent people going inadvertently into deep waters and we have taken necessary precautions to prevent them from going into deep waters."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" Are the Government satisfied that the precautions taken are sufficient? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" As far as possible it is effective."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" Has any compensation being given to the families of persons who died? "

THE HON. DR. T. S .S. RAJAN :—" I do not think any compensation can be claimed for the risk that they took in spite of all that has been done."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" Are the Government aware that bathing places can be fenced? I know it has been done in Singapore and several other places. Could not some such thing could be done here? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I will remind the hon. Member that we have one of the longest sea beaches here available for public for recreation and bathing and only in certain places there is a risk of sharks. But we have specified places where they could go and have a bath where necessary precaution have been taken for people doing so."

Training of Home Guards.

* 84 *Q.*—SRI S. B. ADITYAN : Will the Hon. the Premier be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the training centres for Home Guards are;

(*b*) how many persons are trained in each centre;

(*c*) what are the subjects in which training is given and for how long;

(*d*) the details of the staff employed in each centre and their salaries; and

(*e*) what the estimated annual expenditure in each centre is?

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THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Premier) :—" (a) It is presumed that by training centres the hon. Member means the districts in which Home Guards are raised. If so, the districts are—

Madras City and the districts of East Godavari, West Godavari, Krishna, Guntur, Kurnool, Bellary, Anantapur, Cuddapah, Nellore, North Arcot, Chingleput, Salem, Coimbatore, Malabar and South Kanara.

" (b) Two thousand persons in Bellary district and one thousand persons in each of the other districts.

" (c) Training will be given for one hour and a half on four days a week for a period of three months and will consist of physical training, first-aid, simple infantry drill, lathi drill, fire fighting and essential police duties including firing practice.

" (d) One Commandant on Rs. 350 per mensem in the City and Rs. 300 per mensem in the mufassal.

One Adjutant on Rs. 200 per mensem in the City and Rs. 150 per mensem in the mufassal.

One Upper Division Clerk on the usual scale of pay in the City and in the mufassal.

One typist on the usual scale of pay in the City and in the mufassal fifty insrtuctors on Rs. 15 each per mensem.

" (e)

	City.	East District centre other than Bellary.	Bellary district.
Non-recurring ..	3,66,400	4,59,100	9,18,200
Recurring ..	1,34,400	1,39.300	2,58,900 "

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" What is the reason, Sir, for the number being higher in the Bellary district? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Because the Government thought that Bellary being very near the Hyderabad border, we are likely to have disturbed condition and so we have thought it desirable to have some more number as necessary precaution."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" Now that the Hyderabad question is settled is there any necessity for the Home Guards now? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" It is not as if all menace to peace has come to an end with the settlement of the Hyderabad question. There are other menaces which the Government have to guard against."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Have the officers of these battalions all been selected and whether ex-army men have been preferred in making the selection? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" As far as possible preference has been given to ex-army men, but where they are not available we have tried to make the best of the selection."